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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/2/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,7,9,11-21 and 46-50.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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/James M Perez/
Examiner, Art Unit 2611

DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the amendments filed on 12/2/2009.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

- (1) In claim 1, lines 15-16 change the following wording
"the data stream" to
---the output data stream---
- (2) In claim 1, lines 22-23 change the following wording
"its first data input" to
---the first data input---
- (3) In claim 1, lines 24-25 change the following wording
"its second data input" to
---the second data input---
- (4) In claim 7, line 2 change the following wording:
"wherein both shift registers" to

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---wherein both of the shift registers---

- (5) In claim 11, lines 13-14 change the following wording
“the data stream” to

---the output data stream---

- (6) In claim 11, lines 20-21 change the following wording
“its first data input” to

---the first data input---

- (7) In claim 11, lines 22-23 change the following wording
“its second data input” to

---the second data input---

- (8) In claim 12, line 2 change the following wording:
“wherein the interleaver comprises an RAM” to

---wherein the interleaver comprises a RAM---

- (9) In claim 13, lines 13-14 change the following wording
“the data stream” to

---the output data stream---

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(10) In claim 17, lines 25-26 change the following wording

“its parallel output data stream” to

---the parallel output data stream---

(11) In claim 18, line 5 change the following wording:

“wherein the puncturing device is configured” to

---wherein the first puncturing element is configured---

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 7, 9, 11-21, and 46-50 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

(1) With regards to claims 1, 11, and 13, the present invention an electronic transmitter device comprising: a puncturing device, wherein the puncturing device comprises: a first and a second data output, wherein the puncturing device is configured to distribute an output data stream substantially uniformly in parallel between the first and second data outputs, wherein the puncturing device is configured to provide empty locations in the output data stream so that a number of bits of an input data stream corresponds, including with the empty locations, to a number of bits of the output data stream, and wherein the puncturing device configured to output, in addition to the output data stream, a signal which indicates a position of an empty location in the output data stream; and an interleaver arranged downstream of the puncturing device in a direction of the data stream, and comprising: a first data input which is directly or indirectly

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electrically connected to the first data output of the puncturing device;
a second data input which is directly or indirectly electrically connected to the second data output of the puncturing device.

The closest prior art, Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (herein referenced as AAPA), shows a similar apparatus which also includes a puncturing device and subsequent stage interleaver. However AAPA fails to disclose the puncturing device as claimed, the signal which indicates a position of an empty location as claimed, and the interleaver structuring and coupling as claimed. The distinct features have been added to independent claim 1, thus rendering claims 1, 7, 9, 11-13, 14-16, and 19-20 allowable.

(2) With regards to claim 17, the present invention an electronic transmitter device comprising: an electronic transmitter device comprising: a puncturing device, wherein the puncturing device comprises: a first and a second data output, wherein the puncturing device is configured to distribute an output data stream substantially uniformly in parallel between the first and second data outputs; wherein the puncturing device is configured to provide empty locations in the output data stream so that a number of bits of an input data stream corresponds, with the empty locations, to a number of bits of the output data stream; wherein the puncturing device is configured to output, in addition to the output data stream, an indication signal which indicates a position of an empty location in the output data stream; wherein the puncturing device comprises a first puncturing element and a second puncturing element which is arranged downstream of the first puncturing element in the direction of the data stream;

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wherein the first puncturing element comprises a first and a second data output and is configured in such a way that it distributes its output data stream substantially uniformly between its two data outputs; wherein the second puncturing element comprises a first and a second data input, the first data input of the second puncturing element being directly or indirectly electrically connected to the first data output of the first puncturing element, and the second data input of the second puncturing element being directly or indirectly electrically connected to the first data output of the first puncturing element; wherein: the first puncturing element is configured in such a way that, in addition to its parallel output data stream, the first puncturing element transmits to the second puncturing element the indication signal which informs the second puncturing element about empty locations in the parallel output data stream of the first puncturing element, and the second puncturing element is configured in such a way that, using the indication signal which is additionally transmitted by the first puncturing element, the second puncturing element detects the empty locations in the parallel input data stream coming from the first puncturing element, and does not include them in the further data processing.

The closest prior art, Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (herein referenced as AAPA), shows a similar apparatus which also includes a puncturing device and subsequent stage interleaver. However AAPA fails to disclose the puncturing device and elements as claimed and the signal which indicates a position of an empty location as claimed. The distinct features have been added to independent claim 17, thus rendering claim 17 allowable.

(3) With regards to claim 18, the present invention an electronic transmitter device comprising: a first puncturing element comprising: a first and a second data output, wherein the first puncturing element is configured in such a way that it distributes an output data stream substantially uniformly between the first and second data outputs and is further configured to provide empty locations in the output data stream so that a number of bits of an input data stream corresponds, with the empty locations, to a number of bits of the output data stream; wherein the first puncturing element comprises a first data input and a second data input, and is configured in such a way that a 1-step delay register is connected between the first data input and the first data output, the second data input is electrically connected to a first input of a multiplexer via a 1-step delay register, and in parallel with this the second data input is directly electrically connected to a second input of a multiplexer, and the multiplexer has an output which is electrically connected to the second data output of the first puncturing element via a further 1-step delay register.

The closest prior art, Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (herein referenced as AAPA), shows a similar apparatus which also includes a puncturing device. However AAPA fails to disclose the structure of the first puncturing element as claimed to provide empty location in the claimed output data stream. The distinct features have been added to independent claim 18, thus rendering claims 18 and 46-50 allowable.

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(4) With regards to claim 21, the present invention an electronic transmitter device comprising: an electronic transmitter device comprising: a puncturing device, wherein the puncturing device comprises: a first and a second data output, wherein the puncturing device is configured to distribute an output data stream substantially uniformly in parallel between the first and second data outputs; wherein the puncturing device is configured to provide empty locations in the output data stream so that a number of bits of an input data stream corresponds, with the empty locations, to a number of bits of the output data stream; wherein the puncturing device is configured to output, in addition to the output data stream, an indication signal which indicates a position of an empty location in the output data stream; wherein the puncturing device comprises a first puncturing element and a second puncturing element which is arranged downstream of the first puncturing element in the direction of the data stream; wherein the second puncturing element comprises a first data output and a second data output; wherein: the second puncturing element comprises three multiplexers which each have two inputs and one output, the first data input of the second puncturing element is directly electrically connected both to the first input of the first multiplexer of the second puncturing element and to the first input of the second multiplexer of the second puncturing element the second data input of the second puncturing element is directly electrically connected both to the second input of the first multiplexer of the second puncturing element and to the second input of the second multiplexer of the second puncturing element, the output of the first multiplexer of the second puncturing element is directly electrically connected to the first input of the third multiplexer of the

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second puncturing element, the output of the first multiplexer of the second puncturing element is electrically connected via a 1-step delay register to the second input of the third multiplexer of the second puncturing element, the output of the third multiplexer of the second puncturing element is electrically connected via a 1-step delay register to the first data output of the second puncturing element, and the output of the second multiplexer of the second puncturing element is electrically connected via a further 1-step delay register to the second data output of the second puncturing element.

The closest prior art, Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (herein referenced as AAPA), shows a similar apparatus which also includes a puncturing device including two puncturing elements. However AAPA fails to disclose the structure of the first and second puncturing element as claimed and signal indicating the empty location in the output data stream as claimed. The distinct features have been added to independent claim 21, thus rendering claim 21 allowable.

Conclusion

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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/James M Perez/

Examiner, Art Unit 2611

2/12/2010

/Shuwang Liu/

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